

Unitarian Universalist Church *of Greensboro*



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Welcome to the December edition of our church Newsletter! What a great Holiday Season we're about to have!

Our January Newsletter will be published a week early this year. Expect the newsletter on December 20, just before the holiday blitz.

The deadline for submissions will therefore be moved up to December 13, 2013.

If your team or committee has any submissions for the December newsletter or if you have questions for the editor, please send them to commuucg@bellsouth.net.

In Covenant:
Vance Archer
Newsletter Editor

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Liberal Religious Community

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS CHURCH

Distinctions of power, privilege, and estate, which apply outside these doors, do not apply within them. Women, men, and children; persons of any color, culture, age, ability, economic status, or affectional orientation; skeptics and those pursuing common or unorthodox religious paths...

All Are Welcome Here!



Sunday and Special Worship Services and Schedule

Sunday, Dec 1	<i>"Where is the Light?"</i>	Rev. Ann Ma
	Where will hope come from and when?	
Sunday, Dec 8	<i>"Christmas Music Sunday"</i>	Mark Freund
Sunday, Dec 15	<i>"A Dickens of a Tale "</i>	Rev. Marian
	Shades of Charles Dickens' London are squeezing life and pinching hearts as we struggle to survive in today's economic disparities. Dickens, a Unitarian, gives us hope that the seeds of transformation lie in the likes of Oliver Twist and yes, even in Scrooge.	
Sunday, Dec 22:	<i>"Do you feel it?"</i>	Rev. Ann Ma

An inter-generational service celebrating the season.

Tuesday, Dec 24

"Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"

Rev. Ann Marie

Sunday, Dec. 29

"Walking the Labyrinth"

Michelle Lee

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 - 10:30 *Adult and Children's RE*

All are welcome. There are offerings for all ages, (Nursery services provided)

10:30 - 10:55 *Social Gathering*

Informal Social Gathering prior to Worship. (Nursery Services Provided)

10:55 - 12:15 *Adult and Youth Worship*

Both adults and children start our service together. On most Sundays the children leave the sanctuary for Youth Religious Education, which also ends at 12:15. On Services labeled as "Worship for All Ages" or Inter-generational, the service will be shared by both children and adults.

Wednesday Fellowship Pot Luck and Expressions Worship Service

Join us on Wednesday evening. We share a pot luck supper at 6:00 pm followed by our Expressions Worship Service from 7:00 to 7:30.

Dec 4

Donna Scheidt, violin, and Marilyn Clayton, piano



Dec 11

Christmas vocal duets by Martha Emrey and Marilyn Clayton with Carol Michaelis and Phoenix Harmony Accompanying

Dec 18

An Ezerman or two

Dec 25

No Expressions Service or Pot-Luck

Please bring your own table service for the pot luck dinner. It helps our church stay green.

THANK YOU!

Reflections from Rev. Ann Marie



For many the Winter Holidays are a time of merrily rushing with the presents to be with loved ones. They are times filled with happy memories and the earnest desire to repeat or re-create those memories. For others, the Winter Holidays are the hardest time of the year. They can bring all too-vivid reminders of loss and pain and of expectations that weren't met.

The contrast between those who love this time of the year and those who can only think of them as a time to be suffered through can be a stark reminder that life does not treat all equally. Far too many Holiday Seasons have gone by with those who dread this

time of the year having to "go underground"; not able to say or display how they really feel.

Because we are a faith that affirms the worth and dignity of all, it is my hope that we will be ever so sensitive to our fellow beings. Reach out to someone who may be sad, or just needs to know that someone cares. Let us all remember to be gentle with each other. That may also mean being gentle with those who mean well, but try too hard to get some of us in the holiday "mood"!

And, remember that we all may have intensified feelings of both joy and sorrow. Be gentle with yourself, be gentle with others. This is the season of both dark and light and of new born babies! Remember that in a way, we are all born anew each and every day!

In freeing faith,
Rev. Ann Marie

From Cindy Dillard, Director of Youth Religious Education



We (as a culture) have entered a time of year that seems to always surf heightened periods of: crazy, joyous, disappointing, annoying, heart-warming, heart-breaking, exhausting and memory-making. I am grateful that Andy "Hap-Happiest Time of the Year" Williams just chose to focus on the joyous aspect, because that's my favorite part...(though the tune does live on in my head long after I've heard it...)

Fortunately at this time of year -- despite our habits -- many of us choose to make time in our otherwise packed schedules to step out of our routines: for CELEBRATION and FELLOWSHIP and MUSIC and REVELRY and LOVE and INSPIRATION and SERVICE...and FOOD!

Among the many holiday festivities available to you and yours this month, please consider participating in these upcoming UUCG events:

Sun 12/8 (following the worship service-- 12:15-2p) YRE's quarterly "All-Church Potluck," in

the RE wing. Last year, during each of our three Strategic Planning Sessions, folks said in different ways that it was a priority to better integrate our children/youth/young adults into the greater life of the church. They didn't like that there was a "back there" (referring to the RE Wing). In response to this, YRE has scheduled quarterly all-church potlucks, inviting everyone to break bread with our youngin's and their families and their teachers on their own turf (back there)...with the hope of breaking down boundaries and growing relationships.

Sat, 12/14 (preceding/concurrent with "Celebrating the Season" Adult Holiday Dinners)

YRE-sponsored youth fellowship 2-5 pm Youth (6th-12th Grades) + Young Adults; games, community-building, leadership development

5-7:30 pm Children (nursery through 5th grade), facilitated by youth and young adults. For all: Pizza dinner, cookie-making, flubber, music, paper-chain, and more.

The cost for participants will be \$5-10 per person, respecting that some folks can pay more and some folks can't pay anything. Payment "in kind" is also welcome. For those who would like to support this event, or learn more about UUCG's Youth Religious Education (YRE), please contact Cindy Dillard, Director of YRE (uucgre@att.net) or Heather Rushforth, YRE Team chair ([Heather Rushford's Email Link](#).)

The next quarterly meeting of the YRE Team will be Tuesday, December 3, 6-7:30 pm in the library. All are welcome.

From the Congregational Vice President - Karen Madrone



Can you believe that Christmas is almost here? As we move into the season of the darkest night and celebrate the return of the sun, the board has been hard at work making sure we are accomplishing our goals and moving forward together in harmony. The board, the minister, and the Coordinating Council have been evaluating our roles, making sure we are honoring boundaries and supporting each other's work.

Towards that end, the Coordinating Council is in the midst of a major shift. Beginning immediately, the Coordinating Council will meet quarterly in February, May, August, and November. In the other months, Rev. Ann Marie will be chairing the Ministry Team Lead meeting (which will be meeting at the same time, the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm). The Ministry Team meeting will be a great opportunity for the ministry teams to support each other. All ministry team leads, committee chairs, and taskforce chairs will be encouraged to attend the Coordinating Council meetings. This is really important so that everyone will be informed of the events of the church and direction in which we are moving.

Thank you, UUCG members and friends, for all your support and patience as our governance and ministry pillars continue to evolve in our work together.
In faith,

Team and Committee Meetings and ways to help out

Membership in our movement entails the investment of both our time and talents to further our shared mission. Please find ways to connect your personal contributions with those of others within our Spiritual Community to make our Church Community and Culture a better place.

Some of our Teams and Committees have regular meetings. Others meet irregularly or virtually and accomplish their missions without regular meetings. The list below contains the meeting time and location of those teams and committees that meet regularly. Feel free to attend any of these meetings as they are all open. We invite your participation in our church's governance and mission.

Ministry Team Meetings

All Ministry Team Leads meet with the Minister on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary to plan together for all church programming. This is an open meeting.

Coordinating Council Meetings

The Coordinating Council (both the Ministry Team Leads and all Committee Chairs meet quarterly (Feb, May, Aug and Nov) on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Council is co-chaired by Karen Madrone, VP and Rev. Ann Marie Alderman. This is an open meeting.

Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. This monthly meeting is where Governance Decisions are made for our Church. This is an open meeting.

Communications Team

The Communications team publishes the monthly newsletter, and maintains the web site. We also administer our Facebook and Twitter Sites. We don't have regular meetings but there are several jobs that you could help with. Please contact [Vance Archer](#) if you would like to explore joining the Communications Team.

Fellowship Team Meetings

The Fellowship Team meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month. We meet during the potluck -- look for the table with the small flag. Everyone is invited to join this team that is always on the lookout to create opportunities for people to connect and have fun.

Healthy Congregation Committee Meetings

For more information, contact [Sue Beck](#):

Membership Team

The Membership Team makes visitors welcome in our church and works to expand our membership. Our team runs the visitor's table on Sunday mornings, contacts all the visitors who come to our church and organizes meetings and classes for new members. Please take a look at our bulletin board in the foyer and get to know our new members. Membership is a big focus for Rev. Ann Marie. If you are interested in working with us, please contact Judy Gecinger

Music Team Meetings

The Music Team meets after Church on the Sunday before the Ministry Team/Coordinating Council meeting. This is typically the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the Month. Meetings are typically

held in the Library.

Policy & Procedures Committee

If you are interested in participating in the research, drafting, and editing process of our policy manual, please request to join the Policies & Procedures Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UUCGPolicies/> , or send an email to [Michelle Lee's Email Link](#)

Social Action Team Meetings

The Social Action Team meets on second Sundays after the service at 12:30 pm in the Library. Opportunities for volunteering with SAC include hands-on nitty-gritty tasks and work toward policy change to benefit Greensboro's residents.

Worship Team Meetings

Our Worship Team typically meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 3:30PM, Please check with Barbara Hands to make sure this is correct for this month's meeting. Also contact Barbara Hands if you are interested in helping the Worship Team as a Team Member, an Usher, Service Leader or Service Coordinator.

Youth Religious Education Team

Our Youth Religious Education Team will meet Tuesday December 3 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Regular Events

Feeding the Hungry at Urban Ministries, First Monday of each month

On the first Monday of each month a group of volunteers from our church shop for and cook a meal for the homeless at Urban Ministries.

We are in the process of building a new team to carry out this important project. If you would like to be part of the action, contact Ken Knight at [Ken's Email Link](#) or at 288-0103.

Men's Night Out, Monday, Second Monday each month

Join us at our next Men's Night Out beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Mi Pueblo, 3911 Tinsley Drive in High Point for dinner and fellowship.

Ladies' Night Out, Last Monday each month

Ladies' Night Out will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be the last Monday in January 2014.

Men's Night Out 2, Last Monday each month

A second Men's Night Out is held the last Monday of each month. We will meet at Applebee's on Battleground Ave.

Sunday Evening Meditation Group

The Sunday evening meditation group has changed to an open format. All are welcome to attend any session or all sessions! We meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Please note that we will lock the door at 7:10 p.m. to minimize our distractions. Contact Joan Skokan or Jim Roeder with any questions.

Adult Religious Education in November



We have a wide range of Adult Religious Education opportunities this fall at UUCG. There will be Sunday morning programming from 9:30-10:30 and beginning again in mid-January on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30.

Compassionate Communication will lead on the first Sunday 12/1. Compassionate Communication is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg. Nonviolent Communication (NVC) is based on the principles of nonviolence--

Acts of Faith: Sharin Francis will continue leading a discussion on Eboo Patel's Acts of Faith on **December 8, 15**. This is a remarkable account of growing up Muslim in America and coming to believe in religious pluralism, from one of the most prominent faith leaders in the United States. Eboo Patel's story is a hopeful and moving

testament to the power and passion of young people -- and of the world-changing potential of an interfaith youth movement. Currently only \$3.99 for the Kindle edition. <http://www.ifyc.org/about-us/eboo-patel>

Submitted by Steve Pearsall

Mrs. Claus' claws. Dec. 1



C o n f l i c t I m p r o v e s
presents

"Mrs. Claus' claws"

Sunday, December 1st, 9:30 a.m.

Starring: Charlotte Hamlin and Vance Archer

Compassionate Communication teaches us to make clear Requests to meet our needs and enrich our lives.

We encourage your participation!

Guest at Your Table

The annual Guest at Your Table fund drive for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is underway. No boxes this year, but lots of encouragement to put aside the small amount of \$\$\$ it would cost you to feed one more each time you sit down for a meal!

Learn more about what your money goes for

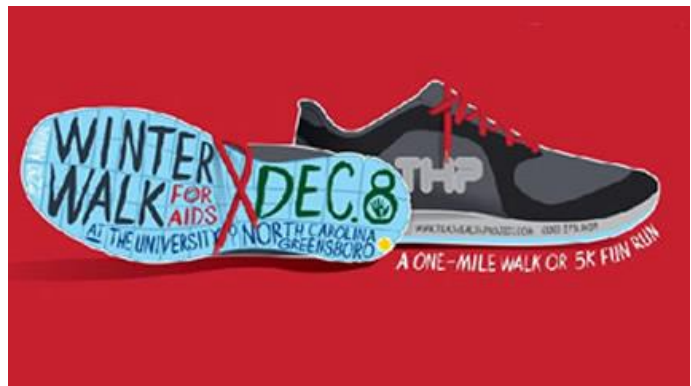
Go [online](#) to donate, or bring your contribution to church by January 12, 2014.



Winter Walk for Aids, Dec. 8

The Social Action Team is sponsoring Triad Health's Winter Walk for Aids on December 8 on the UUC-G campus. Information for pledging or donating will be located at SAT's table in the foyer (look for the little tree) through December 8. To make donating easy, the link for UUCG's own team page is <http://winterwalkforaids.kintera.org/>.

Additional information will follow in the Orders of Service and e-announcements.



Contact: Karen Madrone
[Email](#)

303-5407

[Karen Madrone's](#)

Acts of Faith Discussions- December 8 and 15

Can we be more faithful Unitarian Universalists through working authentically with others whose faith perspective and commitments differ from our own?

Please join us for adult R.E. in the sanctuary at 9:30 am Sunday, December 8 and 15 to explore this and other essential questions posed by Eboo Patel, UUA 2013 General Assembly Ware Lecturer and author of Acts of Faith .

Although Patel's memoir focuses on young people, his call to interfaith understanding and respect through side-by-side service and justice making work resonates with adults of all ages and life stages. Patel was appointed by President Obama to the Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and serves on the Religious Advisory Committee of the Council on



Foreign Relations. He founded Inter Faith Youth Core in answer to his own wondering: Why do so many stories about religion these days feature young people fighting in the name of God? Why isn't there a huge movement of young people from different faiths working together to apply the core value of all faiths-service to others?

Yule Celebration December 19

Thursday, December 19, 2013

At Yule we celebrate the return of the sun, its journey continuing as it always does.

The Wheel has turned once more, and the earth has gone to sleep.

The leaves are gone, the crops have returned to the ground.



On this darkest of nights, we celebrate the return of light.

Bring your drums or other instruments. Bring cookies to share. Water and wine will be provided. In the spirit of Yule, but rather than gifting each other; please bring a jar of peanut butter, or other non-perishable food, which will be gifted to the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Lay Mediation Training in December



Lay Mediation is currently offering these educational opportunities:

1. Role plays where volunteers can try out being observers, participants, or mediators. These role plays happen on the fourth Thursday of every month from 6pm to 8pm. The last 30min. is used for reflection on the process and discussion of the issues raised.
2. Discussion of readings, general discussion and reflection, mini role-play sessions and procedure development happen during weekly mediation classes that meet from 6-8 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month

Relevant, potential or current themes are addressed in the monthly role-plays. These may include: cyber issues, leadership, use of power, shared space/ resources, communication, diversity and identity.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the study of mediation, participate in role-plays or to observe and contribute to the reflection and discussion. For more information please contact Donya Lucas at [Donya's Email link](#) or by phone at 336-686-0851.

TAKING IT T-UU THE STREETS - Youth Social Action

"I picked up two of the carebags from the basket in the church lobby. But then found I was a little hesitant to hand them out, fearing that people might be scornful. Then I encountered an older couple sharing the chore of holding the sign, one sitting while the other stood with the sign. When I parked and walked over to hand them the bag, they were so receptive and appreciative. I asked them where they were going to spend the night, and they were hoping to have enough for the \$39 motel room that night. I gave them just a few dollars... Their smiles gave me a lift all afternoon!"

Sara Bourquin



"The packages are great because they contain useful items that might be difficult for homeless people to obtain, especially if they don't have a vehicle. I liked putting those items right in their hands. It also felt more personal to park my car, get out and greet the person before handing them a care package. I'm less inclined to stop when moving traffic is behind me, but it was suggested that I put on my car's emergency blinkers. I'll try this next time, and hope other drivers will be inspired to see the homeless people they usually pass by in a new way."

Sharin Francis

This past month, our ongoing social justice ministry to "those we see on the streets/the needy/the hungry/the homeless" collected almost \$80 in donations through Sunday school offertory, the lobby collection box, and a few "angels". This money went to purchase individual-sized peanut butter, applesauce, granola bars, juice boxes and chapstick. Additionally, many "in kind" donations were dropped off in the lobby basket, including sample-sized toiletries and non-perishable food items.

As always, on the 2nd Thursday of the month, there was a carebag "assembling party". We were glad to be joined by the Daisy Troop # 2783, which brought their own donations and energies to the effort. And in under an hour, we had assembled 60 carebags (almost twice the amount assembled in previous months-and these bags were PACKED!).

**Our next carebag assembling party will be Thursday, December 12, 6-7pm.
For more information, please contact Cindy Dillard (uucgre@att.net).**

A Merry Christmas for Your Family and Another

Get your family into the holiday spirit early! Help a struggling family provide a happy Christmas for their own family. The Social Action Team has designated a family at Partnership Village to receive the generosity of the UUCG congregation.

The director has suggested Walmart gift cards; families can reach the store easily and they will get the most for the money. You can purchase the gift cards or give cash or a check. The Social Action Team will have a table in the foyer (look for the little tree) each Sunday through December 8, and we plan to take the cards to Partnership Village in early December so that the family can shop.

Partnership Village is a program of Urban Ministry that provides transitional housing for families in crisis. With the program's support families regain stability and become independent again. If the congregation responds as generously as they did in 2012, we may be able to give gift cards to two families!

SAT contact: Sara Bourquin at 632-1616 or at [Sara's Email Link](#)



Celebrating the Season Part 1

Saturday, December 14, 2013
6:00-8:00pm

Adults are invited to participate in the holiday dinners in the homes of UUCG members and friends. And children/youth/young adults are invited to participate in their own kick-off to the season at UUCG.

ADULT HOLIDAY DINNERS This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation. Participants sign up to either host or attend a dinner, and the host organizes the dinner. You will be contacted by the host to let you know what you need to bring to share for dinner. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

For more information please contact Cindy Williams -[Cindy's Email Link](#) for the fellowship team



CHILDREN/YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DINNER Adults participating in the holiday dinners are invited to bring their children/youth to UUCG for dinner and festivities with Cindy Dillard, DRE. From 2-5:00 will be Community-building games and Fellowship for youth/young adults (6th grade on up). They will be joined from 5-7:30 by children (5th grade and younger--including toddlers). There will be a pizza dinner, followed by festive activities including paper chain-making, cookies and flubber, supported by the youth/young adults. Suggested donation: \$5 per participant

Please let me know if there is something that is unclear or if you have any questions. Thanks so much.

Namaste,

Cindy Dillard, UUCG DRE

Celebrating the Season Part 2

Saturday, December 14th 8:00 pm

All are welcome for "dessert & songs"

After the dinners, we will all gather back at the church for a Dessert buffet, a Festive carol sing-a-long led by Mark Freundt. You don't have to attend a dinner to come for the dessert & singing. A fun time will be had by all!

For more information please contact Cindy Williams - [Cindy's Email Link](#), fellowship team Chair



Membership Update

The membership team continues to "meet and greet" visitors to our church.

Rev Anne Marie will be presenting new members to the congregation, Sunday, December the 1st. Let's be welcoming!

Judy Gecinger, Membership Team Chair



Peanut Butter and Nonperishable Food Drive Update

I'm especially thankful for everyone at the Unitarian Universalist Church who contributed to the 124 pounds of peanut butter and nonperishable food collected last month for the Greensboro Food Bank. You are greatly appreciated.

THANKS,
Becky Floyd



Yard Sale Results

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the yard sale. We earned \$953. From those who donated goods, who priced, sorted and displayed them, put out the signs, arranged the heavy items early Saturday morning, helped monitor and keep things arranged during the sale, provided cupcakes and cookies to sell, shopped, and collected the money, to the fabulous cleaner-uppers, a HUGE thank you. It was a lot of fun being together with such wonderful people and meeting all sorts of new folks as they shopped.



What an amazing crew the cleaner-uppers were! The yard sale ended at 12, and the clean-up crew packed up the leftovers, toted them out to the Goodwill truck, took down the tables, stored them away, vacuumed, and set up the sanctuary for Sunday service in just forty minutes!

Thanks to All Suzanne Deering

We need a Hospitality Team

You may have noticed that there was no coffee for some Sunday Services. That's because we need a Hospitality Team to prepare our coffee and clean up after Coffee Hour.

Not that long ago when I was fairly new to a UU congregation and didn't yet know I might be a UU minister one day....I volunteered to be a coffee host. It was a great way to have something to do and meet new people at the same time.

If you are looking for a way to be of service, UUCG is in need of a few task oriented volunteers to take on a recreated Hospitality Team. If you have two or three friends who would like be on this Team, I'd be happy to help you find a creative way to make sure there is a system in place for our weekly "coffee communion"!



See Rev. Ann Marie for more details or to volunteer!

December cash in plate collections

In December there will be 3 recipients of the Share Half cash collections! The first two Sundays will go to support the Animal Rescue and Foster Program. The next two to Win-Win Resolutions. The Christmas Eve Service and the Fifth Sunday collection will go to the Ministers Discretionary Fund.



Thank you Weaver House Team

During the season of giving, it seems appropriate to recognize those who've made it possible for us to serve dinner at Greensboro Urban Ministry's Weaver House to hundreds of homeless people in the past year.

Assisted in set-up and serving by members of Hinshaw Methodist Church, the following volunteers have shopped, cooked, served, washed dishes or all the above so that we could serve the homeless on the first Monday of each month. Dot Borei, Virg Buck, Nora Byrd, Sharin Francis, Charlotte Hamlin, Bill Haney, Jack Harrell, Barbara Hughes, Annetty Keonse, Ken Knight, Tim Leisman, Jessica Lynn, Carol Owens, Nancy Powersmith, Linda Shuee, Elaine Stover, Marty Stover, Earle Wrenn and Lynett Wrenn

Cookie providers have also brought smiles to those we serve and we thank the following



people for baking or buying these popular treats at some time in the last year. Christina Barrow, Sarah Bourquin, The Chalice Circle R.E. Class, Sue Cole, Suzanne Deering, Sharin Francis, Karen Fulkerson, Manessa Green, Phoenix Harmony, Liz Harrell, Michele Hutchins, Leslie Kalinowski, Mary Alice Knight, Michelle Puzio, Marianne Royle and Paula Swongeur.

Thanks also to anyone whose name might have been inadvertently left off due to incomplete records. The combined generosity of all these folks has been an important part of our ministry in the larger community.

Thanks for helping make the November Blood Drive a success

Thanks to all who helped make our November blood drive a success:

Our 30 donors especially appreciated the homemade goodies provided by the Suzannes -- Andrews and Deering. Nora Bird, Sara Bourquin, Sue Cole and Phoenix Putney also came thru with snacks for the canteen. Karen and Robb Fulkerson handled set-up;

Dennis Hands. Ken, Cindy and David Williams prepared the church for Thanksgiving. Hosts included Phoenix, Sue, Dottie Borei and Linda Shuee, who also made phone calls. We collected a total of 24 units.
Phoenix Putney, Co-ordinator



Wanted Non-Violent Communications Books

Please look through your bookshelf to see if you have a copy of **Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life** by Marshall Rosenberg.

At one time we had 7 copies. Now we have none! We are happy to know folks are using our church library. If you do find a copy which belongs to UUCG, please return it to the Library so others can use it. Thank you!



Cabaret Auction Workshop - Live Greenery for Christmas. Still room for 4 more

Have fun learning something new!

There is still room for 4 people to attend the workshop at Caroline Cook's on making tabletop live greenery arrangements for Christmas. (Originally offered at the Cabaret Auction) Supplies, snacks and drinks provided. Sunday afternoon, December 15. Cost is \$15 per person, benefiting the church.

Contact [Caroline Cook](#) or 373-9059 in the evening.



Lay Pastoral Care Associates and Care Team

Request forms for both Lay Pastoral Care Associates and the Care Team are available on the table near the back window in the sanctuary. If you would like help with something or know of someone who may need support, please fill out a form and place it in the care box.



The Care Team, headed by Sara Bourquin ([Sara's Email Link](#) or 632-1616), assists with meals and transportation. Janet Eley ([Janet's Email Link](#) or 617-4666) oversees the Lay Pastoral Care Associates, who provide a confidential, caring presence to congregants undergoing stressful life challenges.

Summary of the November 19 UUCG Board of Trustees Meeting

- Action steps for meeting Board Goals for 2013-14 were discussed, revised as appropriate, and accepted. It was noted that several of the actions steps have been completed and good progress is being made overall toward carrying out the goals.
- Financial Policy: Policy update and development, an ongoing process, included discussion of the following drafts presented by Lonnie: Charter for Memorial Fund, Sunday Morning Deposit Policy and Minister's Discretionary Fund policy. Still pending: Policies for the Reserve Fund and the Reinhartsen Speaker Fund. The December Board agenda will include a motion to accept the policies.
- With executive committee approval, Lonnie transferred \$4,000 from the reserve fund to carry us through until December when we will receive the biannual lease payment from the bank. The funds will cover a temporary budget shortfall of about \$2,500, resulting from slightly increased October expenses combined with October pledge income slightly below budget. The money will be paid back to the reserve fund. Pledge statements were mailed mid-October and Membership letters were mailed in November to encourage people to catch up on paying their pledges.
- On behalf of Nelson Stover, ACT team leader, who was unable to attend the November Board meeting, Ann Marie gave an update from the recent meeting of the ACT team. She presented the timeline for the 2014 Annual Commitment Time campaign, and Nelson will report on other developments at the December Board meeting. The theme for ACT will be "We are the people who....give generously, give until it feels good."

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 17 at 7 pm and is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Birthdays in December

*Sharin Francis, Gary Farley, Anita Campitelli, Joy Hamlin,
Joe Gecinger, Betsy Lindsey, Suzanne Andrews,
Maile Epperson, Dean Perez-Simons, Melissa Carroll,
Matt Amick, Tim Leisman, Maddie Little,
Samira Namaste & Vivienne Jones*



Attendance and Offering Update



	119	\$2,103.00
	RE-32	
	(kids/adults)	

October 20

October 27	125	\$3,021.00
	RE-28	
	(kids/adults)	

November 3	139	\$2,189.00
	RE-19	
	(kids/adults)	

November 10	154	\$2,868.00
	RE-25	
	(kids/adults)	

November 17	127	\$5,368.95
	RE-29	
	(kids/adults)	

Expressions

October 23	33	\$28.00
October 30	40	\$21.00
November 6	30	\$49.00
November 13	50	\$16.00



UUCG Covenant

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro, do covenant to:

- Promote a search for personal meaning, respecting individual truth in a community process of quest
- Speak and act with caring, courtesy and love thereby maintaining emotional, physical, and spiritual safety for all
- Support UUCG and denominational efforts with our resources
- Combat injustice while promoting equality
- Nurture our children on their spiritual journeys
- Hold ourselves to this covenant, especially during times of conflict and disagreement

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